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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Reissue Patent Application:

Applicants : Jeffrey P. Wright and
Steven F. Schicht

Reissue Serial No. : 10/055,514

Filed : February 14, 2002

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PULSE

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Attorney Docket No. : 500024.02

Corresponding Issued U.S. Patent:

Patent No. : 6,026,496

Issued : February 15, 2000

Serial No. : 09/001,738

Filed : December 31, 1997

Examiner : Dennis M. Butler

Art Unit : 2787

Commissioner for Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

Sir:

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the innovative subject matter described and claimed in the application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,496, which is entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PULSE."

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified U.S. reissue patent application, INCLUDING BOTH THE ORIGINAL CLAIMS AND THE CLAIMS PRESENTED IN THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56(a).

We believe the above-identified original patent 6,026,496 to be partly inoperative by reason of the patentees claiming less than we had a right to claim. Accordingly, the previously submitted Amendments presented additional independent method claims 53, 73, 78, and 83. These independent claims have been newly drafted to provide varying scopes of protection for aspects of the present invention and thereby provide a hedge against any of the original claims being found invalid. For example, newly added independent claim 73 recites a method for generating a pulse that includes in the claimed combination of limitations disabling a passgate after a period of time elapses and coupling an output node to ground in response to the period of time elapsing, as described in the original patent, for example, at col. 4, line 54-col. 5, line 4. The originally issued claims of the patent 6,026,496 did not include an independent claim directed to a method for generating a pulse having these elements as part the combination of limitations. The Amendments also presented additional dependent claims 54-57, 74-77, 79-82, and 84-87. We believe that our invention is at least as broad as these claims. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof.

We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof.

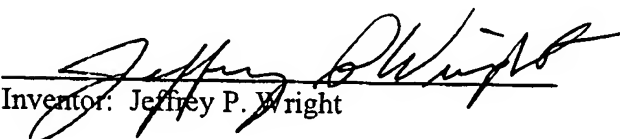
We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country more than one year prior to the filing date of the original U.S. application.

We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the filing date of the original U.S. application.

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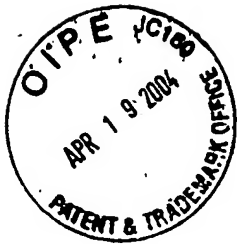
We hereby declare that all statements made of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may also jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2004)

Complete if Known

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| Application No. | 10/055,514 |
| Filing Date | February 14, 2002 |
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☐ Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee |

Subtotal (1) \$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Current Claims | Prior | Extra | Fee | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total | 72 | - 72 | = 0 x \$ | = \$ 0 |
| Ind. | 13 | - 13 | = 0 x \$ | = \$ 0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | x \$ | = \$ |

Subtotal (2) \$ 0

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent Claim |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for ex parte Reexamination |
| 1804 | 920 | 1804 | 920 | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1,840 | 1805 | 1,840 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within 4 th month |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within 5 th month |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility/Reissue issue fee |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of IDS |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |

Other fee (specify)

Subtotal (3) \$ 0

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